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This report contains the tariffs China charges on imports of silk, wool, and cotton as found in Section XI, Chapters 50, 51, & 52 of China's 2005 import tariff schedule. These tariffs are subject to change Dec 31, 2005. This report should be read together with CH5088.

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Introduction

This report should be read together with CH5088, "Index & Guide to China's 2005 Import Tariff Schedule", which contains definitions of the column headings and a table of definitions of the codes used in the column labeled, "S&C." It also contains an index of GAIN reports for other agricultural products not contained in this report.

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Section ? Textiles and Textile Articles

Section Notes:

1. – This Section does not cover:
 - (a) Animal brush making bristles or hair (heading 05.02); horse hair or horsehair waste (heading 05.03);
 - (b) Human hair or articles of human hair (heading 05.01, 67.03 or 67.04), except straining cloth of a kind commonly used in oil presses or the like (heading 59.11);
 - (c) Cotton linters or other vegetable materials of Chapter 14;
 - (d) Asbestos of heading 25.24 or articles of asbestos or other products of heading 68.12 or 68.13;
 - (e) Articles of heading 30.05 or 30.06 (for example, wadding, gauze, bandages and similar articles for medical, surgical, dental or veterinary purposes, sterile surgical suture materials); yarn used to clean between the teeth, in individual retail packages (dental floss), of heading 33.06;
 - (f) Sensitized textiles of headings 37.01 to 37.04;
 - (g) Monofilament of which any cross-sectional dimension exceeds 1 mm or strip or the like (for example, artificial straw) of an apparent width exceeding 5 mm, of plastics (Chapter 39), or plaits or fabrics or other basket ware or wickerwork of such monofilament or strip (Chapter 46);
 - (h) Woven, knitted or crocheted fabrics, felt or non-wovens, impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with plastics, or articles thereof, of Chapter 39;
 - (i) Woven, knitted or crocheted fabrics, felt or non-wovens, impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with rubber, or articles thereof, of Chapter 40;
 - (j) Hides or skins with their hair or wool on (Chapter 41 or 43) or articles of furskin, artificial fur or articles thereof, of heading 43.03 or 43.04;
 - (k) Articles of textile materials of heading 42.01 or 42.02;
 - (l) Products or articles of Chapter 48 (for example, cellulose wadding);
 - (m) Footwear or parts of footwear, gaiters or leggings or similar articles of Chapter 64;
 - (n) Hair-nets or other headgear or parts thereof of Chapter 65;
 - (o) Goods of Chapter 67;
 - (p) Abrasive-coated textile material (Heading 68.05) and also carbon fibers or articles of carbon fibers of heading 68.15;
 - (q) Glass fibers or articles of glass fibers, other than embroidery with glass thread on a visible ground of fabric (Chapter 70);
 - (r) Articles of Chapter 94 (for example, furniture, bedding, lamps and lighting fittings);
 - (s) Articles of Chapter 95 (for example, toys, games, sports requisites and nets);

- (t) Articles of Chapter 96 (for example, brushes, travel sets for sewing, slide fasteners and typewriter ribbons); or
 - (u) Articles of Chapter 97.
2. – (A) Goods classifiable in Chapters 50 to 55 or in heading 58.09 or 59.02 and of a mixture of two or more textile materials are to be classified as if consisting wholly of that one textile material which predominates by weight over any other single textile material. When no one textile material predominates by weight, the goods are to be classified as if consisting wholly of that one textile material which is covered by the heading which occurs last in numerical order among those which equally merit consideration.
- (B) For the purpose of the above rule:
- (a) Gimped horsehair yarn (heading 51.10) and metallized yarn (heading 56.05) are to be treated as a single textile material the weight of which is to be taken as the aggregate of the weight of its components; for the classification of woven fabrics, metal thread is to be regarded as a textile material;
 - (b) The choice of appropriate heading shall be effected by determining first the Chapter and then the applicable heading within that Chapter, disregarding any materials not classified in that Chapter;
 - (c) When both Chapters 54 and 55 are to be treated as a single Chapter;
 - (d) Where a Chapter or a heading refers to goods of different textile materials, such materials are to be treated as a single textile material.
- (C) The provisions of paragraphs (A) and (B) above apply also to the yarns referred to in Notes 3, 4, 5 or 6 below.
3. – (A) For the purposes of the Section, and subject to the exceptions in paragraph (B) below, yarns (single, multiple (folded) or cabled) of the following descriptions are to be treated as “twine, cordage, ropes and cables”:
- (a) Of silk or waste silk, measuring more than 20,000 decitex;
 - (b) Of man-made fibers (including yarn of two or more monofilaments of Chapter 54), measuring more than 10,000 decitex;
 - (c) Of true hemp or flax:
 - (.) Polished or glazed, measuring 1,429 decitex or more; or
 - (.) Note polished or glazed, measuring more than 20,000 decitex;
 - (d) Of coir, consisting of three or more plies;
 - (e) Of other vegetable fibers, measuring more than 20,000 decitex; or
 - (f) Reinforced with metal thread.
- (B) Exceptions:
- (a) Yarn of wool or other animal hair and paper yarn, other than yarn reinforced with metal thread;
 - (b) Man-made filament tow of Chapter 55 and multifilament yarn without twist or with a twist of less than 5 turns per metre of Chapter 54;
 - (c) Silk worm gut of heading 50.06, and monofilaments of Chapter 54;
 - (d) Metallized yarn of Heading 56.05; yarn reinforced with metal thread is subject to paragraph (A) (f) above; and
 - (e) Chenille yarn, gimped yarn and loop wale-yarn of heading 56.06.
4. – (A) For the purposes of Chapter 50, 51, 52, 54 and 55, the expression “put up for retail sale” in relation to yarn means, subject to the exceptions in paragraph (B) below, yarn (single, multiple (folded) or cabled) put up:

- (p) On cards, reels, tubes or similar supports, of a weight (including support) not exceeding:
 - (.) 85g in the case of silk, waste silk or man-made filament yarn; or
 - (.) 125g in other cases;
- (q) In balls, hanks or skeins of a weight not exceeding:
 - (.) 85g in the case of man-made filament yarn of less than 3,000 decitex, silk or silk waste;
 - (.) 125g in the case of all other yarns of less than 2,000 decitex; or
 - (.) 500g in other cases;
- (r) In hanks or skeins comprising several smaller hanks or skeins separated by dividing threads which render them independent one of the other, each of uniform weight not exceeding:
 - (.) 85g in the case of silk, waste silk or man-made filament yarn; or
 - (.) 125g in other cases.
- (B) Exceptions:
 - (a) Single yarn of any textile material, except:
 - (.) Single yarn of wool or fine animal hair, unbleached; and
 - (.) Single yarn of wool or fine animal hair, bleached, dyed or printed, measuring more than 5,000 decitex;
 - (b) Multiple (folded) or cable yarn, unbleached:
 - (.) Of silk or waste silk, however put up; or
 - (.) Of other textile material except wool or fine animal hair, in hanks or skeins;
 - (c) Multiple (folded) or cabled yarn of silk or waste silk, bleached, dyed or printed, measuring 133 decitex or less; and
 - (d) Single, multiple (folded) or cabled yarn of any textile material:
 - (.) In cross-reeled hanks or skeins; or
 - (.) Put up on supports or in some other manner indicating its use in the textile industry (for example, on cops, twisting mill tubes, pirns, conical bobbins or spindles, or reeled in the form of cocoons for embroidery looms).

5. – For the purpose of headings 52.04, 54.01 and 55.08 the expression “sewing thread” means multiple (folded) or cabled yarn;

- (a) Put up on supports (for example, reels, tubes) of a weight (including support) not exceeding 1,000g;
- (b) Dressed for use as sewing thread; and
- (c) With a final “Z” twist.

1. – For the purposes of this Section, the expression “high tenacity yarn” means yarn having a tenacity, expressed in cN/tex (centinewtons per tex), greater than the following:

- Single yarn of nylon or other polyamides, or of polyesters 60 cN/tex
- Multiple (folded) or cabled yarn of nylon or other polyamides, or of polyesters 53 cN/tex
- Single, multiple (folded) or cabled yarn of viscose rayon 27 cN/tex

2. – For the purposes of this Section, the expression “made up” means:

- (a) Cut otherwise than into squares or rectangles;
- (b) Produced in the finished state, ready for use (or merely needing separation by cutting dividing threads) without sewing or other working (for example, certain dusters, towels, table cloths, scarf squares, blankets);

- (c) Hemmed or with rolled edges, or with a knotted fringe at any of the edges, but excluding fabrics the cut edges of which have been prevented from unraveling by whipping or by other simple means;
 - (d) Cut to size and having undergone a process of drawn thread work;
 - (e) Assembled by sewing, gumming or otherwise (other than piece goods consisting of two or more lengths of identical material joined end to end and piece goods composed of two or more textiles assembled in layers, whether or not padded);
 - (f) Knitted or crocheted to shape, whether presented as separate items or in the form of a number of items in the length.
3. – For the purposes of Chapter 50 to 60:
 - (a) Chapters 50 to 55 and 60 and, except where the context otherwise requires, Chapters 56 to 59 do not apply to goods made up within the meaning of Note 7 above; and
 - (b) Chapters 50 to 55 and 60 do not apply to goods of Chapters 56 to 59.
 4. – The woven fabrics of Chapters 50 to 55 include fabrics consisting of layers of parallel textile yarns superimposed on each other at acute or right angles. These layers are bonded at the intersections of the yarns by an adhesive or by thermal bonding.
 5. – Elastic products consisting of textile materials combined with rubber threads are classified in this Section.
 6. – For purposes of this Section, the expression “impregnated” includes “dipped”.
 7. – For the purposes of the Section, the expression “polyamides” include “aramides”.
 8. – Unless the context otherwise requires, textiles garments of different headings are to be classified in their own headings even if put up in sets for retail sale. For the purposes of this Note, the expression “textile garments” means garments of headings 61.01 to 61.14 and headings 62.01 to 62.11.

Subheading Notes:

1. – In the Section and, where applicable, throughout the Nomenclature, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them:
 - (a) Elastomeric yarn
Filament yarn, including monofilament, of synthetic textile material, other than textured yarn, which does not break on being extended to three times its original length and which returns, after being extended to twice its original length, within a period of five minutes, to a length not greater than one and a half times its original length.
 - (b) Unbleached yarn. Yarn which:
 - (.) has the natural color of its constituent fibers and has not been bleached, dyed (whether or not in the mass) or printed; or
 - (.) is of indeterminate color (“grey yarn”), manufactured from garneted stock. Such yarn may have been treated with a colorless dressing or fugitive dye (which disappears after simple washing with soap) and, in the case of man-made fibers, treated in the mass with delustring agent (for example, titanium dioxide).
 - (c) Bleached yarn. Yarn which:

- (.) has undergone a bleaching process, is made of bleached fibers or, unless the context otherwise requires, has been dyed white (whether or not in the mass) or treated with a white dressing;
 - (.) consists of a mixture of unbleached and bleached fibers; or
 - (.) is multiple (folded) or cabled and consists of unbleached and bleached yarns.
- (d) Colored (dyed or printed) yarn. Yarn which:
- (.) is dyed (whether or not in the mass) other than white or in a fugitive color, or printed, or made from dyed or printed fibers;
 - (.) consists of a mixture of dyed fibers of different colors or of a mixture of unbleached or bleached fibers with colored fibers (marl or mixture yarns), or is printed in one or more colors at intervals to give the impression of dots;
 - (.) is obtained from slivers or rovings which have been printed; or
 - (.) is multiple (folded) or cabled and consists of unbleached or bleached yarn and colored yarn.
- The above definitions also apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to monofilament and to strip or the like of Chapter 54.
- (e) Unbleached woven fabric
Woven fabric made from unbleached yarn and which has not been beached, dyed or printed. Such fabric may have treated with a colorless dressing or fugitive dye.
- (f) Bleached woven fabric. Woven fabric which:
- (.) has been bleached or, unless the context otherwise requires, dyed white or treated with a white dressing, in the piece;
 - (.) consists of bleached yarn; or
 - (.) consists of unbleached and bleached yarn.
- (g) Dyed woven fabric. Woven fabric which:
- (.) is dyed a single uniform color other than white (unless the context otherwise requires) or has been treated with a colored finish other than white (unless the context otherwise requires), in the piece; or
 - (.) consists of colored yarn of a single uniform color.
- (h) Woven fabric of yarns of different colors
Woven fabric (other than printed woven fabric) which:
- (.) consists of yarns of different colors or yarns of different shades of the same color (other than the natural color of the constituent fibers);
 - (.) consists of unbleached or bleached yarn and colored yarn; or
 - (.) consists of marl or mixture yarns.
- (In all cases, the yarn used in selvages and piece ends is not taken into consideration.)
- (ij) Printed woven fabric
Woven fabric which has been printed in the piece, whether or not made from yarns or different colors. (The following are also regarded as printed woven fabrics: woven fabrics bearing designs made, for example, with a brush or spray gun, by means of transfer paper, by flocking or by the batik process.)
The process of mercerization does not affect the classification of yarns or fabrics within the above categories.
The definitions at (e) to (ij) above apply, *mutatis matandis*, to knitted or crocheted fabrics.
- (a) Plain weave
A fabric construction in which each yarn of the weft passes alternately over and under successive yarns of the warp and each yarn of the warp passes alternately over and under successive yarns of the weft.

2. – (A) Products of Chapters 56 to 63 containing two or more textile materials are to be regarded as consisting wholly of that textile material which would be selected under Note 2 to this Section for the classification of the product of Chapter 50 to 55 or of heading 58.09 consisting of the same textile materials.
- (B) For the application of this rule:
- where appropriate, only the part which determines the classification under interpretative Rule 3 shall be taken into account;
 - in the case of textile products consisting of a ground fabric and a pile or looped surface, no account shall be taken of the ground fabric;
 - in the case of embroidery of heading 58.10 and goods thereof, only the ground fabric shall be taken into account. However, embroidery without visible grounds, and goods thereof, shall be classified with reference to the embroidering threads alone.

HS#	Description	MFN %	BA %	Gen %	VAT %	Draw- back%	Unit	S&C
5001	Silk-worm cocoons suitable for reeling:							
50010010	---Bombyx mori cocoons (Mulberry feeding silk-worm cocoons)	6		70	17	5	kg	4xABy
50010090	---Other	6		70	17	5	kg	A4xBy
5002	Raw silk (not thrown):							
	---Steam filature silk:							
50020011	---- Plant reeled (filature silk)	9		80	17	13	kg	A4xBy
50020012	---- Home reeled	9		80	17	13	kg	A4xBy
50020013	---- Doupion	9		80	17	13	kg	A4xBy
50020019	---- Other	9		80	17	13	kg	A4xBy
50020020	---Tussah silk	9		80	17	13	kg	A4xBy
50020090	---Other	9		80	17	13	kg	A4xBy
5003	Silk waste (including cocoons unsuitable for reeling, yarn waste and garnetted stock):							
50031000	-Not carded or combed	9		70	17	13	kg	A4xBy
50039000	-Other	9		70	17	13	kg	A4xBy

Chapter 51 (partial): Wool, Fine or Coarse Animal Hair

Notes:

1.– Throughout the Nomenclature:

(a) "Wool" means the natural fiber grown by sheep or lambs;

(b) "Fine animal hair" means the hair of alpaca, llama, vicuna, camel, yak, Angora, Tibetan, Kashmir or similar goats (but not common goats), rabbit (including Angora rabbit), hare, beaver, nutria or muskrat;

(c) "Coarse animal hair" means the hair of animals not mentioned above, excluding brush-making hair hand bristles (heading 05.02) and horsehair (heading 05.03).

HS#	Description	MFN %	BA %	Gen %	VAT %	Draw- back%	Unit	S&C
5101	Wool, not carded or combed:							
	- Greasy, including fleece-washed wool:							
51011100	--Shorn wool	*38		*50	13	5	kg	
5101110010	Greasy shorn wool, not carded or combed, in-quota	1		50	13	5	kg	tAB
5101110090	Greasy shorn wool, not carded or combed, out-quota	38		50	13	5	kg	AB
51011900	--Other	*38		*50	13	5	kg	
5101190010	Other greasy wool, not carded or combed, in-quota	1		50	13	5	kg	tAB
5101190090	Other greasy wool, not carded or combed, out-quota	38		50	13	5	kg	AB
	-Degreased, not carbonized:							
51012100	--Shorn wool	*38		*50	17	13	kg	
5101210010	Degreased shorn wool, not carded or combed, not carbonized, in-quota	1		50	17	13	kg	tAB
5101210090	Degreased shorn wool, not carded or combed, not carbonized, out-quota	38		50	17	13	kg	AB
51012900	--Other	*38		*50	17	13	kg	
5101290010	Other degreased wool, not carded or combed, not carbonized, in-quota	1		50	17	13	kg	tAB
5101290090	Other degreased wool, not carded or combed, not carbonized, out-quota	38		50	17	13	kg	AB
51013000	--Carbonized	*38		*50	17	13	kg	
5101300010	Carbonized not carded or combed, in-quota	1		50	17	13	kg	tAB
5101300090	Carbonized not carded or combed, out-quota	38		50	17	13	kg	AB
5102	Fine or coarse animal hair, not crabbed or combed:							
	-Fine animal hair:							
51021100	--Of Kashmir (cashmere) goats	9		45	17	5	kg	AB
	--Other							
51021910	---Of rabbit and hare	9		50	17	5	kg	
5102191010	Fine or coarse animal hair, not carded or combed of rabbit and hare of endangered or threatened species	9		50	17	5	kg	ABFE
5102191090	Other fine or coarse animal hair, not carded or combed of rabbit and hare	9		50	17	5	kg	AB
51021920	---Of Angora, Tibetan, Kashmir or similar goats	9		45	17		kg	AB
51021930	---Of camel	9		45	17	5	kg	
5102193010	Fine or coarse animal hair, not carded or combed of wild camel of endangered or	9		45	17	5	kg	FEAB

HS#	Description	MFN %	BA %	Gen %	VAT %	Draw- back%	Unit	S&C
	threatened species							
5102193090	Other fine or coarse animal hair, not carded or combed of camel	9		45	17	5	kg	AB
51021990	---Other	9		45	17	5	kg	
5102199010	Fine hair of wild animals, not carded or combed	9		45	17	5	kg	FEAB
5102199090	Fine hair of other animals, not carded or combed	9		45	17	5	kg	AB
51022000	-Coarse animal hair	9		50	17	5	kg	
5102200010	Coarse hair of wild animals, not carded or combed	9		50	17	5	kg	FEAB
5102200090	Coarse hair of other animals, not carded or combed	9		50	17	5	kg	AB
5103	Waste of wool or of fine or coarse animal hair, including yarn waste but excluding garnetted stock:							
	-Noils of wool or of fine animal hair:							
51031010	---Of wool	*38		*50	17	5	kg	
5103101010	Noils of wool, in-quota	1		50	17	5	kg	tAB
5103101090	Noils of wool, out-quota	38		50	17	5	kg	AB
51031090	---Other	9		50	17	5	kg	
5103109010	Other noils of fine hair of wild animal	9		50	17	5	kg	FEAB
5103109090	Other noils of fine hair of other animal	9		50	17	5	kg	AB
	-Other waste of wool or of fine animal hair:							
51032010	---Of wool	13.5		20	17	5	kg	AB
51032090	---Other	9		50	17	5	kg	
5103209010	Other waste of fine hair of wild animal, including yarn waste but excluding garnetted stock	9		50	17	5	kg	FEAB
5103209090	Other waste of fine hair of other animal, including yarn waste but excluding garnetted stock	9		50	17	5	kg	AB
51033000	-Waste of coarse animal hair	9		50	17	5	kg	
5103300010	Waste of coarse hair of wild animal, including yarn waste but excluding garnetted stock	9		50	17	5	kg	FEAB
5103300090	Other waste of coarse hair of animal, including yarn waste but excluding garnetted stock	9		50	17	5	kg	AB

Chapter 52 (partial): Cotton

Subheading Note:

1. – For the purposes of subheadings 5209.42 and 5211.42, the expression “denim” means fabrics of yarns of different colors, of 3-thread or 4-thread twill, including broken twill, warp faces, the warp yarns of which are of one and the same color and the weft yarns of which are unbleached, bleached, dyed grey or colored a lighter shade of the color of warp yarns.

HS#	Description	MFN %	BA %	Gen %	VAT %	Draw- back%	Unit	S&C
5201	Cotton, not carded or combed:							
52010000	Cotton, not carded or combed	*40		*125	13	13	kg	
5201000010	Cotton, not carded or combed, including absorbent cotton, in-quota	1		125	13	13	kg	t4xAB
5201000090	Cotton, not carded or combed, including absorbent cotton, out-quota	40		125	13	13	kg	4xAB
5202	Cotton waste (including yarn waste and garnetted stock):							
52021000	-Yarn waste (including thread waste)	10		30	17	13	kg	AP
	-Other:							
52029100	--Garnetted stock	10		30	17	13	kg	AB
52029900	--Other	10		30	17	11	kg	ABP
5203	Cotton, carded or combed:							
52030000	Cotton, carded or combed	*40		*125	17	13	kg	
5203000010	Cotton, carded or combed, in-quota	1		125	17	13	kg	t4xAB
5203000090	Cotton, carded or combed, out-quota	40		125	17	13	kg	4xAB

Chapter 53 (partial): Other Vegetable Textile Fibers

HS#	Description	MFN %	BA %	Gen %	VAT %	Draw- back%	Unit	S&C
5301	Flax, raw or processed but not spun; flax tow and waste (including yarn waste and garnetted stock):							
53011000	-Flax, raw or retted	6		30	17	5	kg	AB
	-Flax, broken, scutched, hackled or other processed, but not spun:							
53012100	--Broken or scutched	6		30	17	5	kg	AB
53012900	--Other	6		30	17	5	kg	AB
53013000	-Flax tow and waste	6		30	17	5	kg	AB
5302	True hemp (<i>Cannabis sativa L</i>), raw or processed but not spun; tow and waste of true hemp (including yarn waste and garnetted stock):							
53021000	-True hemp, raw or retted	6		30	17	5	kg	AB
53029000	-Other	6		30	17	5	kg	AB